



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS



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Bobby Savoie, Director
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Re: Intent of Part XIV, Table 407, Note 17

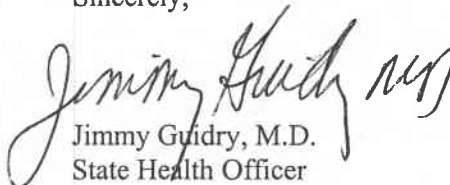
Dear Mr. Savoie,

After meeting with you and your staff to discuss the above referenced section of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code, and acting in my official capacity as the State Health Officer of Louisiana, I have determined that the intent/application/enforcement of the following Sanitary Code section shall be to allow the permitting of small restaurant/food service establishments where the usable building area of the restaurant/food service establishment is equal to or less than 500 sq. ft., with a single facility consisting of one water closet and one lavatory, even when alcoholic beverages are served. **Part XIV, Table 407, Note 17** shall be amended by rule-making as follows:

"If alcoholic beverages are to be served, facilities shall be as required for clubs or lounges; however, this requirement shall not be construed to require a restaurant/food service establishment which serves alcoholic beverages and consists of 500 square feet or less of usable building area to add any more toilet rooms than the minimum required pursuant to note # 6 above (as long as such small restaurant/food service establishment does not have a wet bar and thus would not fall under the "Club, Lounge, and Restaurants/Food Service Establishments with Club, or Lounge" occupancy classification)."

The above mentioned section of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code is to be applied/enforced according to the intent specified above. Your help in uniformly and consistently enforcing the Sanitary Code is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Jimmy Guidry, M.D.
State Health Officer

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cc: James Antoon, Chief Sanitarian, OPH
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